

REMARKS**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

The applicant thanks the examiner for the telephone interview of April 11, 2005. In the interview, the discussion was directed to the rejected claims, namely, claims 1 and 15. It was agreed that if claims 1 and 15 were amended to require a wall extending upwardly adjacent to the cleaning member, and a tread cleaner attached to the wall, the claims would be allowable.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The applicant herein amends the claims accordingly. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to require at least one wall extending upwardly adjacent to the at least one drive member, the at least one wall having a tread cleaner attached thereto. Additionally, claim 15 has been amended to require:

"at least one wall extending upwardly adjacent to the at least one drive member; and,
at least one cleaning member positioned ~~above the platform~~ on the at least one wall, the at least one cleaning member adapted to remove debris from a tread surface of the golf cart wheel while the golf cart wheel is being rotated by the at least one drive member."

Claims 9, 10 and 18 have also been amended to correct lack of antecedent basis issues and redundancy issues that arose because of the amendments to claim 1. Specifically, claim 9 introduced that the cleaning member was attached to the wall—a limitation which has been added to claim 1. Claim 9 also introduced "a plurality of retaining walls," which has been amended to account for the inclusion of "at least one wall" in claim 1.

Claims 10 and 18 have been amended to change the terminology from "cleaning member" to "tread cleaner," to be consistent with claim 1.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTION OF CLAIM 19

The Examiner rejected claim 19 under section 112 because the phrase "the cleaning members" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 19 has been amended to instead specify "the cleaning means," which should cure the rejection.

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In view of the foregoing arguments and claim amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 through 20 are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant requests prompt reconsideration of the rejections by the Examiner and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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